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RE: RM-8626 , Comments on Petition

INFO: Comments Deadline on Petition, May 04, 1995.

INFO: In the matter of Petition for rulemaking to eliminate one-way transmissions in the Amateur Radio Service, before the F.C.C.

- 1.) In the matter of Petition RM-8626, for rulemaking to eliminate one-way transmissions in the Amateur Radio Service I am requesting the Federal Communications Commission to dismiss this Petition on the following reasons.
- 2.) After being an Amateur Radio Operator, myself since 1982, I have never heard of any complaints against the transmission of Bulletins over the air.
- 3.) These same transmissions of bulletins have been going on for numerous years, and have been a great help to not only myself, but to other amateurs; due to their being sent in a timely fashion , so that if an issue needs a response, it can be taken care of immediately, prior to any deadline; such as in this matter, which is up before the Commission.
- 4.) Also, the so-called disseminating the bulletins by means other than Amateur Radio, is not Amateur Radio, as Mr. Maia would want you to believe. Receiving the bulletins by any means, which doesn't utilize a Radio receiver, can not and should not be mistaken for Amateur Radio. Also, not everyone utilizes a computer system in the Amateur Radio Service, and the service originally was not set up for such usage.
- 5.) Mr. Maia's attitude pertaining to how Amateur Radio Operators can learn the code, in that they can learn it over a computer instead of a radio, is wrong. The only true and best way for An Amateur Radio Operator to learn the code, is over a radio while listening to Code Practice, such as what WIAW has. That way, the Radio Amateur Operator learns under all conditions. Computer is too clean.
- 6.) The question of interference while the sending of these bulletins, by WIAW, is not with WIAW, but with the other stations that come up after WIAW has started to send their Bulletins. I have personally told certain members of WIAW of this problem, and they say they do not hear the stations at their end; but they have knowledge that this does happen. This problem has existed for years on all of the bands, where WIAW has sent the bulletins. The time period prior to WIAW coming on the air, on and near their frequencies, the conditions

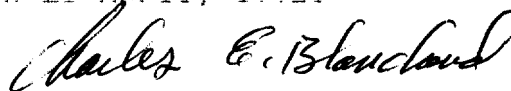
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are super quiet. Once WIAW starts sending their bulletins, the conditions get really bad, and this is where other stations come up and try to send packet, and error transmissions right on the same frequencies as WIAW. If there are any complaints of interference, it isn't by WIAW, but by others causing it.

- 7.) The claim that WIAW is recklessly coming on the air at certain times to send their bulletins, is definitely in error. It has been widely known for a long time when WIAW comes on the air, and which frequencies, that they utilize for the sending of the bulletins. These times, and frequencies are listed not only in the ARRL magazine, QST, but also in other magazines, that Amateur Radio operators read, and use. So there shouldn't be any problems at all, if an Amateur Radio operator makes himself aware of this information, and follows the program.
- 8.) Also, one must ask themselves, on the true reason why Mr. Maia wants these bulletins being sent by WIAW to be stopped. Maybe it is for the reason, that he, himself, would gain from their absence from being on the air. Otherwords if WIAW didn't send them, he would then gain by making them available through whatever means he has available. This appears to me, a form of conflict of interest, especially when it involves his newsletter.
- 9.) Finally, I would again ask you to dismiss this Petition of Mr. Maia's without action; in that there have been other requests for Rule change in the past, with similiar interests regarding information bulletins, of which the FCC had also taken the course to dismiss, without action.

Respectively Submitted,
on 21 April, 1995.



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